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PREVIOUSLY...

High above the planet's surface drifts the mysterious Angel Island, whose master emerald allows this lost continent to stay freely afloat amongst the clouds. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, and that's where the Chaotix come in – a team of friends who protect Angel Island and the Master Emerald from the forces of evil!

Months ago, Espio the Chameleon was revealed to be a ninja spy from a far-away clan called the Shinobi. Espio came clean to his team, and revealed that he had been secretly collecting information on each team member over the years – one of those revelations was that team power-house Mighty the Armadillo's long-thought-dead sister was actually still alive! Mighty left the team along with Ray the Flying Squirrel in the hopes of finding his sister and re-uniting his family. Mighty and Ray kept in touch with their teammates for a time, but recently the letters stopped coming, so the Chaotix ventured to the last known location of their friends – the Kingdom of Mercia!

Joining up with the Mercian chapter of Freedom Fighters, lead by expert-archer Bow Sparrow, the Chaotix discovered that Mighty and Ray had already been and gone. To determine where next the duo went, the Chaotix helped Bow's team infiltrate the castle base of Eggman's evil sub-boss known as Lord Hood. The battle was vicious, but our heroes emerged victorious! **With the Mercian people freed, the Chaotix continue their quest to find their missing friends by venturing into the sweltering desert,**

and the dreaded Sand Blast City...

WHO'S WHO

VECTOR THE CROCODILE
CHAOTIX DE FACTO LEADER

ESPIO THE CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX NINJA

CHARMY BEE
VETERAN CHAOTIX FLYER

FLEX & JITTERS
MIGHTY & RAY UNDERCOVER

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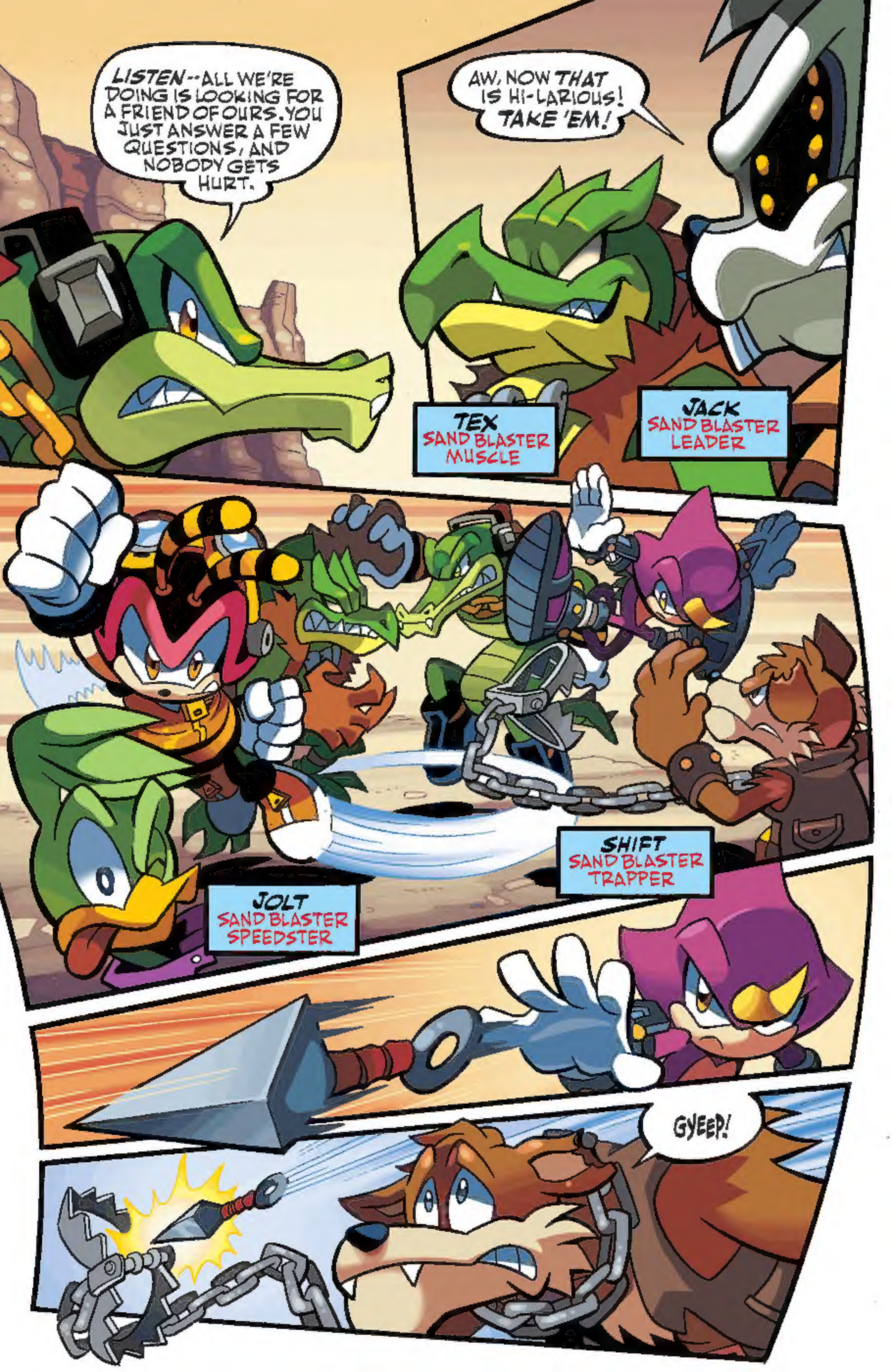
LISTEN--ALL WE'RE DOING IS LOOKING FOR A FRIEND OF OURS. YOU JUST ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS, AND NOBODY GETS HURT.
AW, NOW THAT IS HI-LARIOUS! TAKE 'EM!
TEX SAND BLASTER MUSCLE
JACK SAND BLASTER LEADER
JOLT SAND BLASTER SPEEDSTER
SHIFT SAND BLASTER TRAPPER
GYEEP!

AVERY
SAND BLASTER ENGINEER
AHH!! HELP!
CHARMY!
I'M VERY MUCH APPRECIATIVE FOR THE DISTRACTION, AVERY.
HRRF!! NOT BAD, BUT I'VE THROWN DOWN WITH THE BEST.
YEAH, YOU AIN'T HALF BAD. AIN'T HALF GOOD, EITHER. NOW HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE UP BEFORE I GIVE IN TO MY ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER.

WELL, THIS IS EMBARRASSING...
ALL THE JERKS AND BADNIKS WE'VE FOUGHT, AND THESE JOKERS TAKE US DOWN LIKE NOTHIN'.
THERE, THERE. YOU LOSE A LOT ANYWAY... SO NOBODY WILL NOTICE.
THANKS, CHARMY.
PERHAPS WE WOULD'VE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IF SOME OF US WEREN'T UP ALL NIGHT PARTYING.
I CAN'T NOT PARTY! BESIDES, YOU WERE UP LATER THAN ME.
N-NOT MY POINT...
ZIP IT, NEW-BLOOD, AND LISTEN UP! 'ROUND HERE, THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF MOBIANS. ONE KIND JOINS THE SAND BLASTERS AND CONTRIBUTES.
WE BURY WHAT'S LEFT OF THE OTHER KIND OUT IN THE DESERT.
LIFE CAN BE FRUITFUL FOR NEW RECRUITS. TAKE THESE GUYS FOR EXAMPLE-- HEY, FLEX! JITTERS! GET OVER HERE!

IT'S YOU! / WE FINALLY FOUND YOU! AW, MAN, WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU, M--
ZIP IT, LEATHER-FACE! WHEN I WANT YOU TO SAY SOMETHIN', I'LL TELL YA!
YOU KNOW THESE GUYS?
:sigh.:
YEAH... THEY'RE MY OLD GANG. I LEFT 'EM BEHIND TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY MANAGED TO TRACK ME DOWN. THEY'RE LOYAL. STUPID, BUT LOYAL.
HAHAHAHA! YOU'RE A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, FLEX!
Heh... THANKS, JACK.
LOOK, LET ME TAKE 'EM BACK TO MY PLACE AND GET 'EM IN LINE. THEY MAY FOLLOW ME, BUT I FOLLOW YOU. I JUST NEED A LITTLE TIME TO BEAT THE PECKING ORDER INTO 'EM.
THEY'RE ALL YOURS, FLEX! KNOCK YOUR-SELF OUT. OR THEM! HAHAHAHA!

SOON...
YOU OKAY, VEC? I'M SORRY IF I I WAS TOO ROUGH WITH YOU.
PSHT! NAH-- BARELY... BARELY FELT IT...
MIGHTY CHAOTIX STRONG MAN
YAY! YOU'RE NOT REALLY A MEAN JERK!
SORRY FOR THE SCARE, CHARMY! BUT WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?
YOU CAME THIS CLOSE TO BLOWING MY COVER!
HOW WERE WE TO KNOW? THE LETTERS STOPPED COMING, AND THEN YOU SENT US THE WARP RING. WE WERE WORRIED SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU!
W-WE NEVER HAD A CHANCE T-TO STOP BY ANGEL ISLAND F-FIRST!
OKAY-OKAY. YOU'RE HERE NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS. I'VE BOUGHT US SOME TIME, SO I CAN FILL YOU IN ON WHAT HAPPENED.
RAY JUNIOR CHAOTIX FLYER

HOW DID YOU GUYS PICK UP MY TRAIL?
"WE FOLLOWED YOUR LAST LETTER. FROM THERE, BOW AND HIS TEAM TOLD US WHAT THEY KNEW.*"
COOL. THE NIGHT I LEFT THEM, I MANAGED TO GET ACCESS TO THE EGG-NET. I MEAN, THE PASS-WORD--
"WAS 'PASSWORD'. YEAH."
HAHA! THEY STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED IT? ANYWAY, WITH THE HELP OF BUCK'S NOTES, I FIGURED OUT MY SISTER HAD BEEN STATIONED IN THIS REGION AS A ROBIAN WORKER.
*LAST TWO ISSUES
SINCE ALL THOSE FORMER ROBIANS WERE NOW SERVING EGGMAN, I NEEDED A WAY TO INVESTIGATE THEM SAFELY.
I HEARD FROM SONIC THAT THE SAND BLASTERS WERE BAD NEWS, BUT I COULDN'T JUST WALK UP TO EGG-MAN'S FORCES, EITHER.
SO WE JOINED THE SAND BLASTERS UNDER NEW IDENTITIES. IT WAS OUR "SAFEST" OPTION.
THROUGH THEM, I'VE BEEN GETTING A BETTER IDEA OF THE BOUNDARIES, HOW THIS LOCAL CHAPTER WORKS, AND GETTING MY LAY OF THE LAND.

BUT WHY SEND THIS BACK TO US?
I COULDN'T RISK GETTING CAUGHT USING IT. JACK AND HIS THUGS ARE SICK PEOPLE, AND I DID NOT WANT THEM GETTING THE WARP RING.

YOU COULDN'T JUST POP OVER AND EXPLAIN?
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO OPEN A GIANT, GLOWING, NOISY, ROOM-SIZED GATEWAY COVERTLY?
I DID THE BEST I COULD, MAN...
...OR DID YOU THINK I'D REALLY JOINED THE SAND BLASTERS? ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD THAT AGAINST ME LIKE ESPIO'S WHOLE "FOUR HOUSES" THING? OR LIKE YOU DO WITH--?
THAT'S DIFFERENT! THEY CHOSE THEIR ALLEGIANCES!
AND I CHOSE TO LEAVE.
YEAH, BUT...

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YEAH, OKAY... SO MAYBE I HOLD GRUDGES. SOMETIMES. BUT NOW, WE'RE HERE AND WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK. ALL OF US!
THANKS, VEC.

ANYWAY, NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND YOU, THE CHAOTIX ARE OFFICIALLY TOGETHER AGAIN! EXCEPT... Y'KNOW, KNUCKLES AND THE OTHERS... BUT YOU GET WHAT I MEAN.

I GET YOU.

WHAT WAS THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR PLAN TO FIND YOUR SISTER?

THE BARON. HE'S THE LEADER OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE EGGMAN ARMY.

SO YOUR TIMING TURNS OUT TO BE PERFECT. I CAN TRUST YOU GUYS TO LOOK AFTER RAY WHILE I GO MEET WITH HIM.

NUH-UH! YOU CAN'T LEAVE AGAIN--WE JUST FOUND YOU! AND YOU JUST SAID YOU COULDN'T SIMPLY WALK UP TO THOSE GUYS!

GOING OFF WHAT I'VE HEARD...*

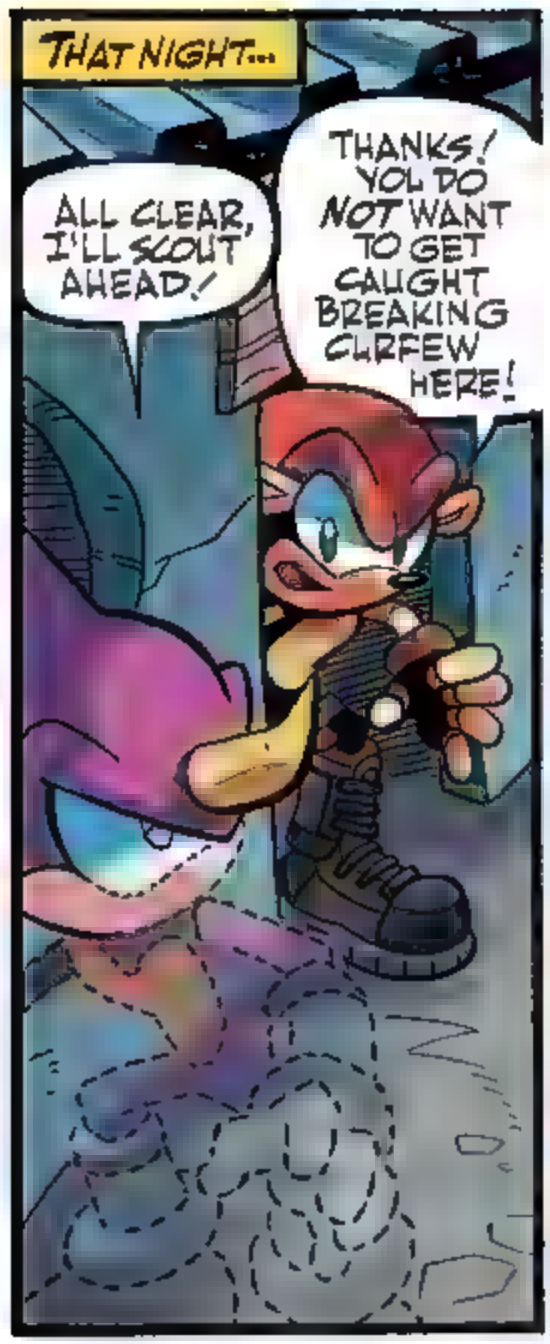
*STH # 217-218

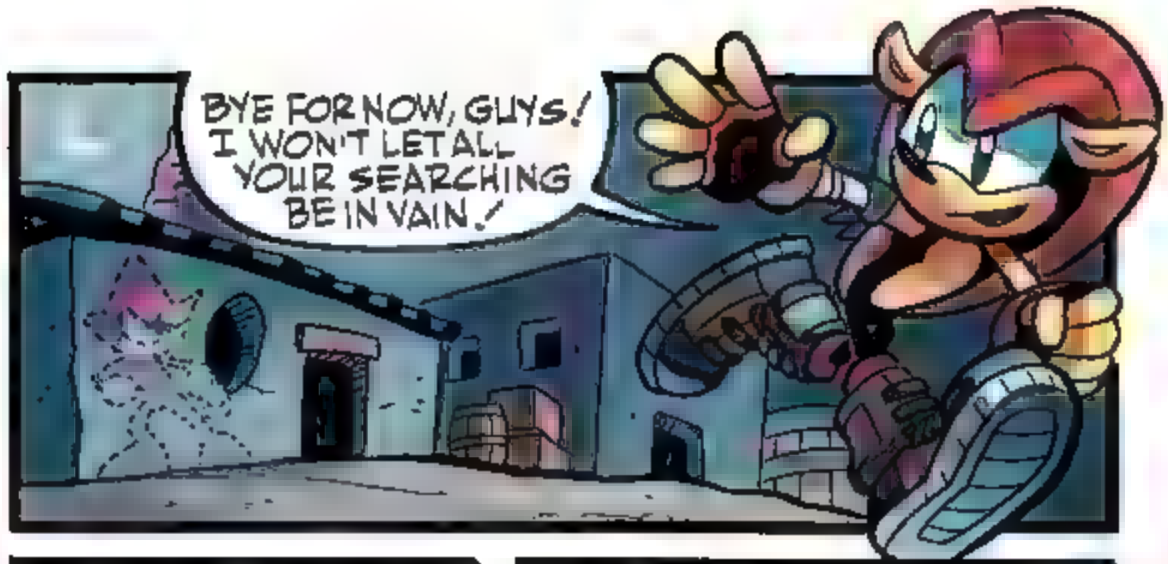
...AND SEEING HOW THIS CHAPTER OPERATES, I'M PRETTY SURE THE BARON IS A REASONABLE MAN. OR--AT LEAST--IF HE'S TALKING TO ME INSTEAD OF AN ENTIRE TEAM OF SAND BLASTER LUNATICS.

N-N-N-NO! L-L-L-LET M-M-ME HELP!

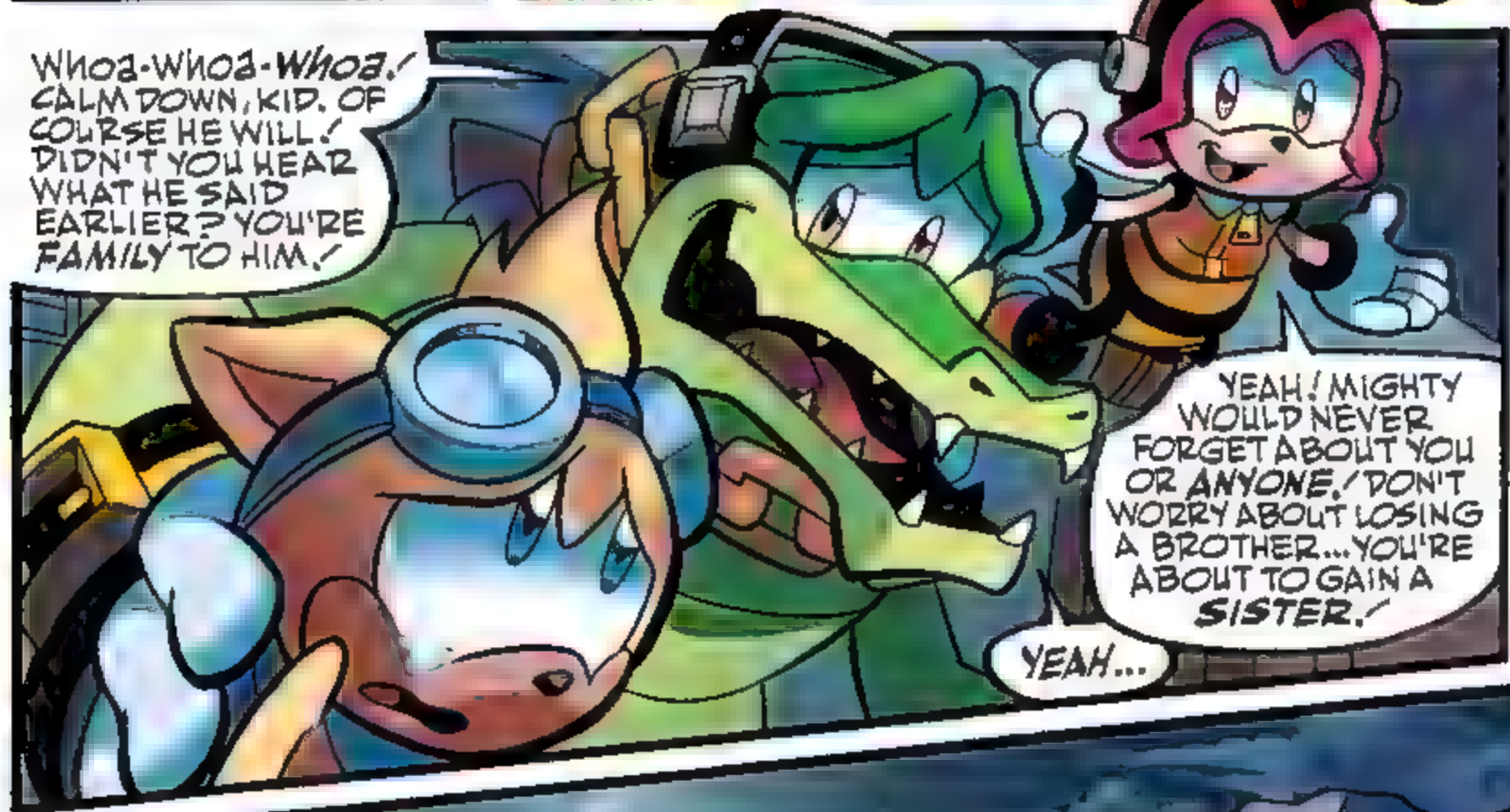
SORRY, LITTLE BUDDY. I CAN'T RISK LOSING ANY MORE FAMILY ON THIS!

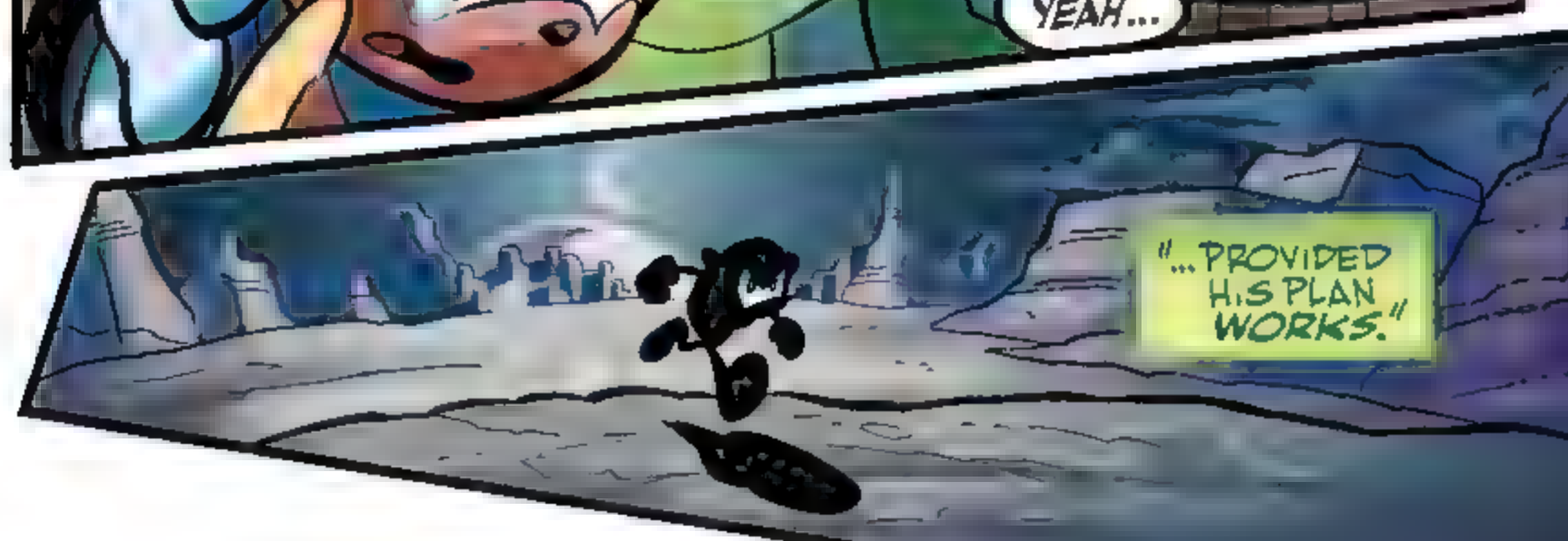
BESIDES, IF THIS DOES BLOW UP IN MY FACE... I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU GUYS TO HAVE MY BACK!


THAT NIGHT...
ALL CLEAR, I'LL SCOUT AHEAD!
THANKS! YOU DO NOT WANT TO GET CAUGHT BREAKING CURFEW HERE!


BYE FOR NOW, GUYS! I WON'T LET ALL YOUR SEARCHING BE IN VAIN!

I... GUESS THIS IS F-FINALLY IT. I'D HAVE THOUGHT I'D BE OVER THIS BY NOW...
I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, KID, BUT IT'S MIGHTY. HE'LL BE OKAY.
N-N-NO, IT'S JUST TH-THAT...
M-MIGHTY'S THE ONLY F-FAMILY I'VE E-EVER HAD. W-WHEN HE G-GETS HIS R-R-REAL SISTER B-BACK, WILL HE E-EVEN N-N-NEED M-ME AS A-A B-B-BROTHER?


WHOA-WHOA-WHOA! CALM DOWN, KID. OF COURSE HE WILL! DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID EARLIER? YOU'RE FAMILY TO HIM!
YEAH! MIGHTY WOULD NEVER FORGET ABOUT YOU OR ANYONE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT LOSING A BROTHER... YOU'RE ABOUT TO GAIN A SISTER!
YEAH...


"...PROVIDED HIS PLAN WORKS."

AWROOGA

AWROOGA

IT'S THAT NEW ARMADILLO SAND BLASTER, SIR. HE'S ALONE... AND SEEMS TO BE SURRENDERING.

HE BENCH-PRESSES *TANKS*, AND HE'S GIVIN' UP? SOUNDS JUST LIKE JACK'S SORT OF... "HUMOR". MOBILIZE AND TAKE HIM DOWN!

WELL... I GUESS IT WAS NAIVE TO THINK IT MIGHT GO SMOOTHLY...

BOOM

KBLAM

EVENING. I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD CAPTURE ME NOW.
WHY DO--?!
I DON'T--!
WHATEVER YOU SAY!

SOON...

I APPRECIATE YOU NOT SHACKLING ME, BARON RABBOT.

AH'VE SEEN YOU IN ACTION, BOY. THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE NO GOOD ANY-HOW.

YOU SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND GIVE JACK RABBIT MORE MUSCLE THAN ALL OF SAND BLAST CITY COMBINED. YOU MAKE A JOKE OUT OF MAH CHAPTER, AND NOW YOU'RE SURREND-ERIN' TO ME? START MAKIN' SOME SENSE OUT OF THIS, SON, 'CAUSE AH DON'T SEE ANY!

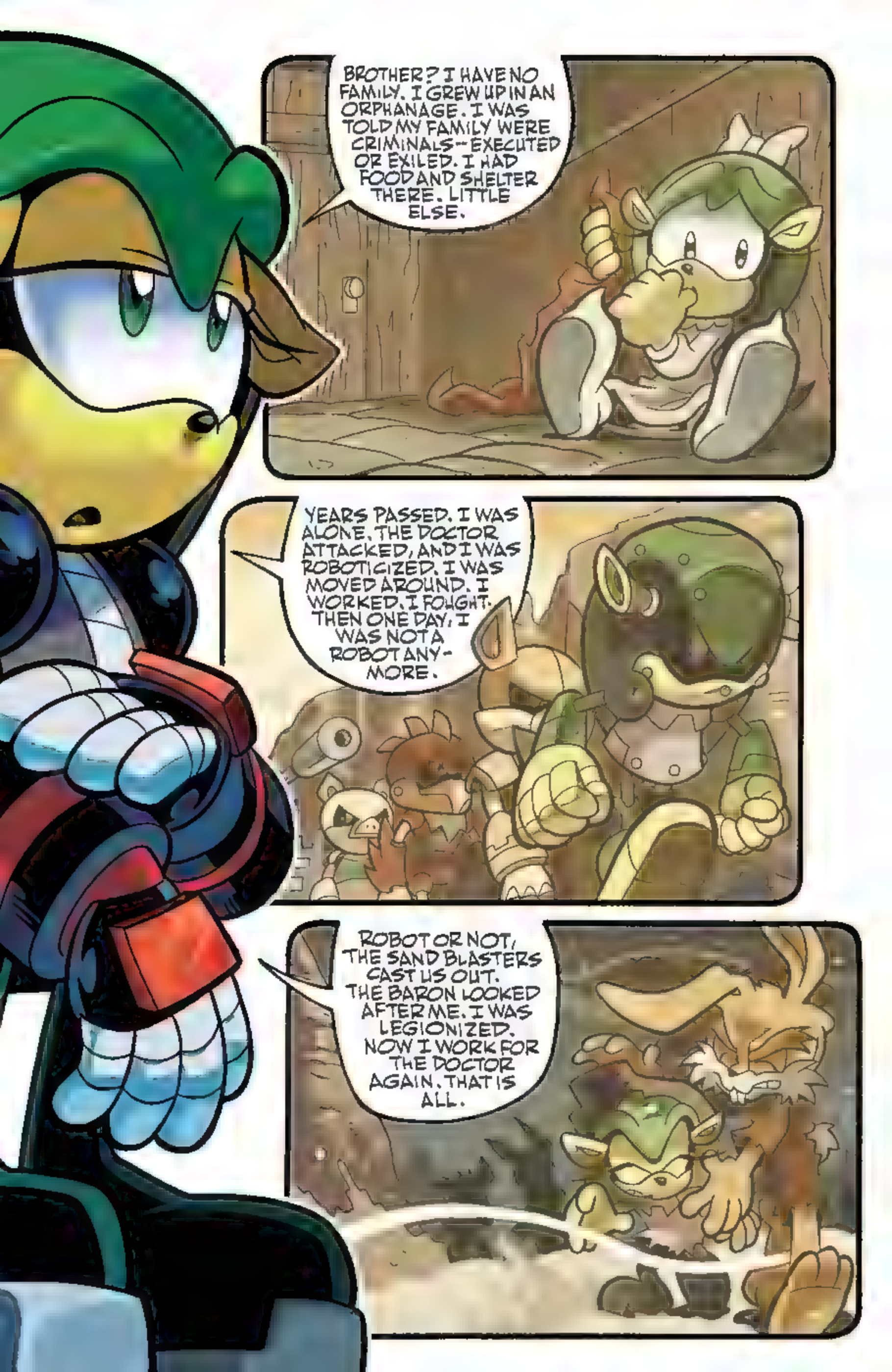
MY NAME IS *MIGHTY*. I'M FROM THE CHAOTIX FREEDOM FIGHTER GROUP. WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE, I LOST MY BABY SISTER.

I TRAVELED HALF THE WORLD AND INFILTRATED THE SAND BLASTERS TO TRACK HER DOWN. I HEARD YOU WERE A FAIR AND DECENT MAN, BARON. ALL I'M ASKING YOU IS-- *DO YOU HAVE MY SISTER?*

OH, MAH *STARS*! COULD YOU REALLY BE...?! SOMEBODY FETCH ME *MATILDA*!

R-REALLY?! YOU *REALLY* HAVE...?

IT IS LATE, BARON. IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
TILLY!!
BARON, WHO IS THIS?
YOUR BROTHER, DEAR. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE YOU'VE BEEN ALL THIS TIME.


BROTHER? I HAVE NO FAMILY. I GREW UP IN AN ORPHANAGE. I WAS TOLD MY FAMILY WERE CRIMINALS--EXECUTED OR EXILED. I HAD FOOD AND SHELTER THERE. LITTLE ELSE.
YEARS PASSED. I WAS ALONE. THE DOCTOR ATTACKED, AND I WAS ROBOTICIZED. I WAS MOVED AROUND. I WORKED. I FOUGHT. THEN ONE DAY, I WAS NOT A ROBOT ANY-MORE.
ROBOT OR NOT, THE SAND BLASTERS CAST US OUT. THE BARON LOOKED AFTER ME. I WAS LEGIONIZED. NOW I WORK FOR THE DOCTOR AGAIN. THAT IS ALL.

I'M... I'M SO SORRY I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU. I WAS EXILED FOR TRYING TO... IT'S A LONG STORY.* BUT I'M HERE NOW, AND WE CAN...
I'M SORRY, BUT I DO NOT REMEMBER YOU. YOU MEAN NOTHING TO ME.
*STH#185-186
MAY I TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT, BARON?
...YES, MATILDA. YOU'RE DISMISSED...
THANK YOU. GOOD NIGHT.
Ah'm SORRY, SON. A CHILDHOOD SPENT ALONE, AS A ROBOT, AND AS A SLAVE HAS LEFT HER, WELL, DISTANT. Ah'd HOPED YOU MIGHT CRACK THAT SHELL SHE'S GOT AROUND HER HEART, BUT...
:sigh: ON YOUR FEET, SIR.
IS SHE... IS SHE HAPPY HERE?
AS HAPPY AS ANY OF US CAN BE. BUT WE'VE GOT GOOD FOLKS IN THIS CHAPTER. WE'RE LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY IN A SENSE. I'VE MADE A POINT OF LOOKING AFTER THE LITTLE ONES LIKE HER.
...THANK YOU.

YES, BARON!

NOW LISTEN HERE! FORGET ALL THAT "CHAOTIX" NONSENSE YOU HEARD! THIS IS JUST ANOTHER SAND BLASTER TELLING JUST ANOTHER LIE. DR. EGGMAN DOES *NOT* NEED TO BE *BOTHERED* WITH TONIGHT'S EVENTS. AM AH *UNDERSTOOD*?

AH'M TRULY SORRY FOR YOU.

AH SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR PLIGHT MORE THAN YOU KNOW. BUT HAVIN' YOU HERE PUTS US ALL IN A LOT OF TROUBLE.

IF EGGMAN KNEW YOU WERE HERE, OR WHO MATILDA WAS...

I UNDERSTAND.

AH'LL SEND WORD TO JACK AH WANT TO DO A PRISONER EXCHANGE. AH'M SURE YOU'VE GOT YOUR ESCAPE PLANNED ONCE YOU GET BACK TO THE CITY. UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN THE BRIG TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

G'NITE, SIR.

THE NEXT MORNING...
WHAT HAPPENED TO FLEX?!
SPILL IT, JITTERS! YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH HIM!
SO HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!
I-I-I-I-I-I D-D-D-D-DON'T-T-T-!
TODAY!!
TAKE IT EASY. THE BOSS WANTED A SHOT AT THE BARON HIMSELF!
IS THAT SO?
YES. ALONE.
HE SAID IF HE LOST, THE THREE OF US WERE AN EVEN TRADE.
Tch!
LIKE YOU THREE COULD MEASURE UP TO FLEX.
CRAZY JERK-- I LIKE HIM, BUT THAT'S STILL OUT OF LINE.

YOU'LL DO FOR NOW. YOU CAN BE ON THE FRONT LINES TODAY!
SURE, UH, BOSS. BUT WHAT ABOUT FLEX?
WHAT HAPPENED?
HE GOT CAPTURED, THE MORON. NOW THE BARON WANTS TO DO A PRISONER EXCHANGE, AND HE KNOWS FLEX IS WORTH A LOT TO ME.
DO YOU HAVE ANYONE TO EXCHANGE?
OF COURSE I DO!
WE TAKE DOWN THOSE PAJAMA-WEARIN' FREAKS BY THE DOZEN. AND NOW, TO GET FLEX BACK, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RELEASE THEM JUST AS FAST.
WE'VE DONE THIS A FEW TIMES BEFORE. EVERYONE SHOWS UP, WE SAY SOME NASTY WORDS TO EACH OTHER, PRISONERS CROSS OVER, AND EVERYONE GOES HOME.
SOUNDS EASY ENOUGH.

YEAH, BUT I THINK FLEX HAD THE RIGHT IDEA.
THIS TIME, WE'RE NOT GIVIN' ANYBODY UP, AND THE BARON ISN'T GOIN' BACK ALIVE.
A PEACEFUL PRISONER TRANSFER IS ABOUT TO TURN INTO A FIRE-FIGHT! CAN THE CHAOTIX KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL? WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR MIGHTY AND MATILDA?!
EVERYTHING CONCLUDES NEXT TIME IN THE FINALE!
UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE & DIGEST, and the GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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editorial commentary that's a (sand) BLAST to read!

MIGHTY'S JOURNEY -- ALL FOR NOTHING?!

Things have definitely taken a turn for our over-powered Armadillo friend Mighty as his sister Matilda doesn't seem to either recognize him nor care that he's her brother! What's up with that? Hopefully the rest of Mighty's Chaotix buds can, at the very least, get Mighty out of this mess next issue! Y'all better bring it on back here next month for the dramatic conclusion to Chaotix Quest – "All for One!"

2013 marks 20 years for the Sonic comics here at Archie, and I'd like to take this opportunity to send a big "THANK YOU!" to all the fans who have kept the entire Archie-Sonic line going strong for these past two decades! We hope you like what we've got in store for you this year – and it all kicks off with the historic Sonic/Mega Man crossover event this March! Sonic Universe, Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man will all tie-in to this mega-story, so if you want the FULL story it's not too late to subscribe to all three titles now! plugplugplug Plus, check archiecomics.com for a special crossover subscription deal!

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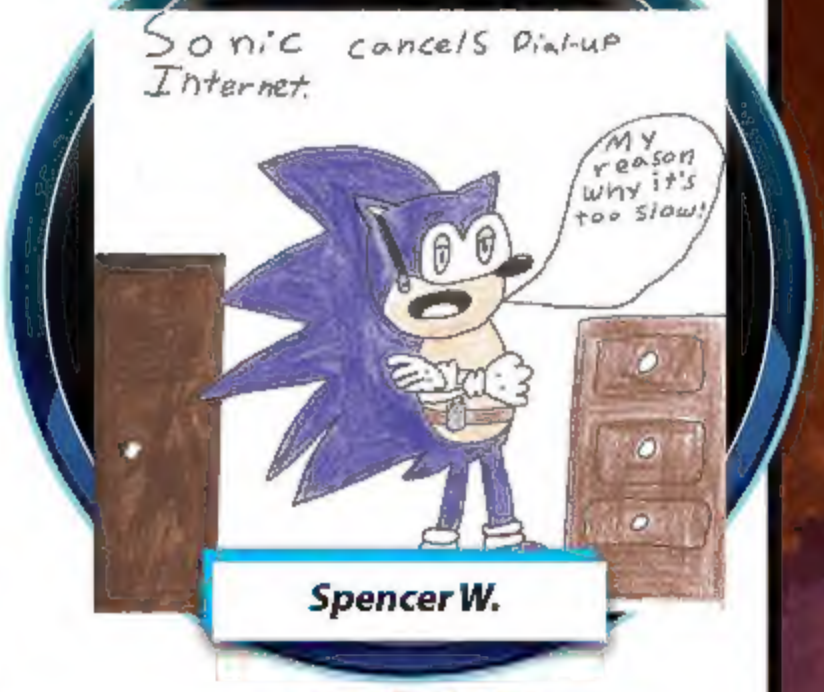

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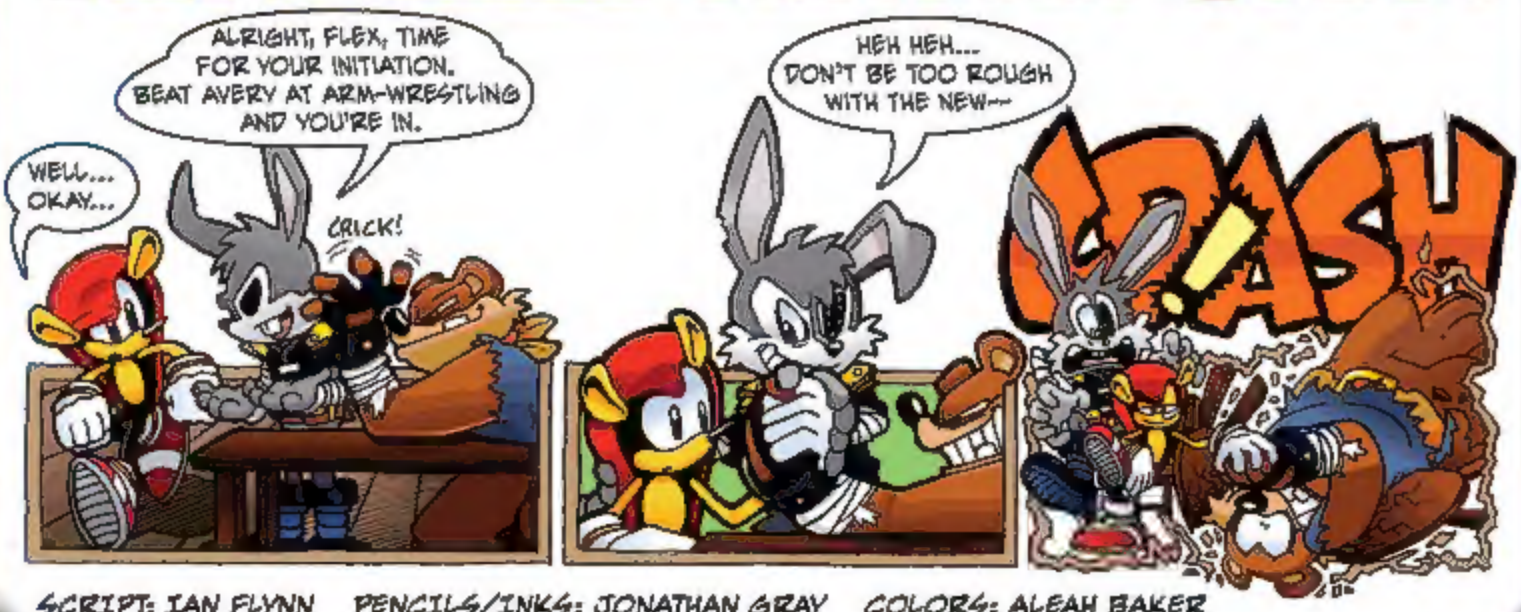

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IT'S PANDEMONIUM AS THE SAND BLASTERS AND EGGMAN'S FORCES BATTLE WITH THE CHAOTIX IN --

"ALL FOR ONE PART 4 (of 4)"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 2/26 /13!

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RELEASE THE DEVIL DOGS!

THE DARK ORIGIN OF THRASH IS REVEALED, LEADING TO ONE OF THE FIERCEST BATTLES EVER IN

"ENDANGERED SPECIES" PART 3 (of 4)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 2/12/13

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I really appreciate all of the hard work your team puts into making Sonic comics.

Why thank you! It is hard work, but the entire team would rather be doing nothing else but bringing you awesome Sonic fans the most awesomest Sonic comics around!

I look forward to the big crossover this spring. I've just been wondering if the two villains Dr. Wily and Dr. Eggman will team up or fight each other.

Well, I wouldn't want to spoil anything for you -- but I must say: Wily and Eggman as E.F.F's (evil friends forever) is just about the coolest thing I've ever seen! And just wait'll you see the variant cover for Mega Man #25! Oops -- I've said too much!

If they fight each other, I know it will turn into a robotic blast fest.

It will be a fantastical festival of ferocious facial follicles!

Eggman's mecha army versus Wily's dark robot masters. Whatever happens I'm sure it will be epic.

Thank you, from Willie (Cool Fox) H. sent to sonic@ archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Willie Cool Fox! It will be epic indeed -- and don't forget to subscribe to all 3 titles (Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, and Mega Man) to get the complete crossover story! The cut-off to subscribe and receive each crossover issue is fast-approaching, so what're you waiting for?? Subscribe today!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I am really enjoying the Chaotix Arc going on in Sonic Universe.

Me too! Wait'll you see how it ends!

I also like the nod to Amy's past life as a noble.

Ah yes, Amy's family history is a tangled web indeed -- perhaps we will see it in another life, brotha!

The only thing I don't like is the grandmasters having to answer to Eggman. I wish they were a separate organization. Villains like Conquering Storm and Lord Hood can't reach their full potential being tied to the doctor. Anyway, loving the stories!

-AT Louisiana

A fine suggestion, AT! I'm sure the Sub-Bosses would love it too -- unfortunately for them, Eggman is kind of a strict boss. Imagine Ebenezer Scrooge, only a portly, homicidal maniac. And I hear there's no dental coverage either - shocking! Anyway, if you want to check out some non-Eggman related villainy, look no further than our sister title, Sonic the Hedgehog, where the uber-awesome THRASH THE DEVIL is wreaking some major havoc on the echidna homeland!

Bring it back here next month for the startling conclusion to CHAOTIX QUEST!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!